

REMARKS

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for discussing this case on March 30, 2007.

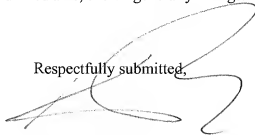
In the Final Office Action, the Examiner noted that claim 1 does not include the word "fixed" in the phrase "an optical assembly for adjustably directing the analyzing light beam received along the first fixed axis at one of a range of incident angles" as was erroneously asserted by the Applicant. For this reason, the Applicant's arguments distinguishing Johnson from the present invention by the fact that Johnson does not teach an optical assembly that can accommodate a fixed input and fixed output beams of light was incorrect.

Applicant has now amended claim 1 to insert the word "fixed" in front of the references to the first and second axes so that they properly match the earlier recitation of these first and second axes in the "support frame" element.

It is hoped that this amendment to claim 1 now properly distinguishes the present invention from Johnson, because Johnson does not teach an optical system that provides a range of light beam angles against the SPR prism from light received along a first fixed

axis and transmitted again along a second fixed axis, shown generally in Figs. 2 and 3 of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Keith M. Baxter", written over the words "Respectfully submitted,".

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